**2024 MILITARY HISTORY PRESENTATION PROGRAMME (V7 – Apr 24)**

The **Engineer Corps Memorial Centre** (ECMC) as part of the **RNZE Charitable Trust** (RNZE CT)and in partnership with the **Palmerston North City Library** (PNCL), will host the following:

**8 Feb** (MMMHP) –“**28th Maori Battalion**” in the Second World War and the “**75th Anniversary of the song** “**Blue Smoke**” release, by Ruma Karaitiana, Rangitane

**14 Mar** (MMMHP) – “**The 80th Anniversary of the Battle for Cassino” (Feb-Mar 1944),** by LTCOL (Rtd) Dr Glyn Harper, QSM,

**26 Mar** (HM EPLP) – **(BRIG) Sir Geoffrey Peren: His Lifelong Connection with the Land**”, by LTCOL DR Peter Wood, ONZM, in Room SGP 3.42, **Massey University (Turitea) Campus**

**11 Apr** (MMMHP) – “**The Royal NZ Army Medical Corps** and **Awapuni Medical Memorial**, by Deployable Health Organisation, Joint Services Group, NZDF, **at Awapuni Racecourse**.

**24 Apr** (Wed - EPLP) – “**The** **160th Anniversary of QAMR”**, by LTCOL Jacob Murray, RNZIR, Commanding Officer, Queen Alexandra’s Mounted Rifles (QAMR), Linton Military Camp.

**9 May** (MMMHP) – “**The 60th Anniversary of Konfrontasi - the Borneo/Malaysia Conflict**”, by WO1 (Rtd) Dave Hayward, MBE, MSM, RNZIR, 4th Sergeant Major of the NZ Army

**13 Jun** (MMMHP) - “**The 25th Anniversary of the East Timor/Timor L’este Conflict**”, by LTCOL Martin Dransfield, ONZM, RNZIR , Waitangi Tribunal Project Director, Army General Staff, NZDF

**25 Jun** (Tue - EPLP) – “**The 80th Anniversary of the RNZAF Flying Boats and other aircraft of 5 Sqn, RNZAF”,** by GPCAPT (Rtd) Rick Bulger and SQNLDR (Rtd) Hugh Francis, RNZAF

**11 Jul** (Thu - MMMHP) – “**The 80th Anniversary of the D-Day (Normandy) Landings in France**”, by RADM (Rtd) David Ledson, former Chief of the RNZN

**8 Aug** (Thu - MMMHP) – “**30th Anniversary of UNPROFOR and the Bosnian Conflict**”, by BRIG (Rtd) Phil Gibbons, ONZM, Senior National Officer, Op RADIAN 3

**27 Aug** (Tue - EPLP) – “**Operation DRAGOON – Second D-Day into France in August 1944”**, by Dennis O’Rourke, RNZN and NZ Police (Rtd)

**12 Sep** (MMMHP) – “**70th Anniversary of RNZN Support to the Borneo/Malaysia Conflict**”, by CDR (Rtd) Richard Jackson, RNZN

**10 Oct** (Thu - MMMHP) – **NZ Land Wars Month** – “**The Battle for Orakau**”, by LTCOL (Rtd) Dr Cliff Simons, ED,

**22 Oct** (Tue – EPLP) – “**NZ Forces into** **Samoa in the First World War, in 1914**”, by LTCOL DR Peter Wood, ONZM, RNZIR, Director of the NZ Wars Study Centre, NZDC

**11 Nov** (Mon - EPLP) – **Remembrance Day** –  **“Memory, remembrance and amnesia of the Gallipoli campaign in Turkey"**, by Col (Rtd) Prof Mesut Uyar, PhD, PD, Professor of Military History, Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of New South Wales, Canberra, Australia

**28 Nov** (Thu – MMMHP) - “**The 80th Anniversary of 3rd (NZ) Division in the Pacific”**, by LTCOL Dr Peter Wood, ONZM, Director of the NZ Wars Study Centre, NZDC

(**Note:** All the 2020-2023 audio recordings and Powerpoint presentations are on the “**nzsappers**” website (Heritage Audio Section). Most **EPLP** = Evening Public Lecture Presentations will be held at the PN City Library Mezzanine Floor and **MMMHP** = Monthly Midday Military History Presentations will be on Level 2 (Heritage Section) of the Palmerston North City Library (PNCL).